

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 1 as follows:

Besides the abovementioned wax coating or impregnation of silica, other methods are known for this purpose and can be consulted in, for example, DE 1 006 100, DE 15 92 865 or EP 0 922 694 671. Here, wax suspensions are reacted with a silica suspension, where appropriate with the mediation of a dispersant. The wax-impregnated or wax-coated silica thus obtained must subsequently be dried and, where appropriate, reclassified.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 13-14 as follows:

A precipitated silica was prepared in accordance with DE 10 058 616, ~~Examples 1 to 6~~, Example 1, and had the following physiochemical data:

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 14 as follows:

pH                      [[2.6,]] 7.6,

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 22 as follows:

The differences in the gloss at 60° and 85°C from Acematt HK 450 indicate a markedly improved matting effect for an identical amount employed.